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In the application of:

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AN
ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT
SYSTEM FOR STATE
GOVERNMENTS

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2003, Paper No. 15, for which a response is due on January 23, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 23, 2004. As such, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper and include annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

The **Conclusion** begins on page 20 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 20 of this paper.